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SUBJECT: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY URUGUAY

REF: STATE 146681

1. REACH PROSPECTIVE EXPORT NEEDS PRIOR AUTHORIZATION, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY FILING AN EXPORT APPLICATION WITH THE BANCO DE LA REPUBLICA.

THE EXPORTER MUST HAVE AN AGENT FOR EXECUTING FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS AND OFFICIAL EXPORT PROCEDURES THROUGH THE BANCO DE LA REPUBLICA AND, LATER, PRIVATE COMMERCIAL BANKS. NOBODY CAN EXPORT DIRECTLY WITHOUT AGENT. THE EXPORTER MUST BE REGISTERED AS AN EXPORTER WITH TAX AUTHORITIES. BEFORE RECEIVING FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS FROM EXPORTS, EXPORTER MUST PRESENT PROOF THAT TAX PAYMENTS, INCLUDING SOCIAL WELFARE TAX PAYMENTS, ARE CURRENT.

2. GOU GENERALLY ENCOURAGES EXPORTS EXCEPT FOR ITEMS NEEDED FOR DOMESTIC MARKET. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF RESTRICTIONS IS TO MAINTAIN SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION. LAW #10.940 OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1947, ESTABLISHING THE CONSEJO NACIONAL DE SUBSISTENCIAS Y CONTRALOR DE PRECIOS (NATIONAL SUBSISTENCE COUNCIL AND PRICE CONTROLLER) AUTHORIZES GOU TO CANCEL EXPORT APPLICATIONS AT ANY TIME IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST WHEN "ESSENTIAL ITEMS" INCLUDED IN THE SUBSISTENCE COUNCIL'S LIST ARE SCARCE. MANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE AUTHORIZED

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TO DO THE SAME. EXAMPLES OF TOTAL OR PARTIAL EXPORT PROHIBITIONS

ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PROHIBITIONS AND PARTIAL PROHIBITIONS ON EXPORTS

PROHIBITED	NADE#	DATE ESTABLISHED	LIFTED
SUNFLOWER FLOUR & EXPELLER	23.04.02.01	5/21/71	-
ANIMAL PROTEIN CONCENTRATE	N.A.	5/25/72	10/2/74
RAW HORSE & CATTLE BRISTLES	01.02.01.99	8/1/74	12/31/74
DRIED & TANNED CATTLE HIDES	41.01.01.01	7/15/71	9/2/71
	41.01.15.01		
DRIED & PICKLED SHEEP HIDES	41.02.01/89	4/18/74	-
LIVE CATTLE FOR CONSUMPTION	N.A.	N.A.	-
SUGAR	N.A.	N.A.	-

PARTIALLY PROHIBITED

OIL SEED PRODUCTS	15.07.01/89	4/20/67	-
CATTLE, SHEEP, & PG TAL-	15.02.01.02	5/16/74	10/30/74
LOW & GREASE	15.02.01.01		
	02.05.02.00		
	15.02.02.03		
SHEEP DURING MAY 1-SEPT.	01.04.01.03	5/24/74	
30 EACH YEAR			
LIVE NUTRIA	01.06.02.99	2/14/45	-
HORSES	01.01.01.99	1/18/68	-
	01.01.01.04		
PEDIGREED & CROSS-BRED COWS	N.A.	6/22/72	-
IRON, STEEL, COPPER, ZINC	26.01.13.00	4/28/72	-
(EXCEPT ZINC OXIDES), ALUMINUM, NICKEL, TIN PLATE, LEAD, LEAD ORES, ALLORS, OR FORMS WITH A METAL CONTENT ABOVE 5 PERCENT (I.E. SCRAP METAL)			
PHARMACEUTICALS	NA	NA	-
FERTILIZERS	NA	NA	-
SEEDS (FOR FORAGE)	NA	2/6/75	-

#NADE (NOMENCLATURE ARANCELARIA DE EXPORTACION DEL URUGUAY)

3. TRADITIONAL EXPORT PRODUCTS(MEAT, WOOL, HIDES) ARE SUBJECT TO EX-PORT TAXES (DETRACCIONES, A DIRECT TAX ON EXPORTS OF HIDES, AND RETENCIONES APPLIED TO MEAT AND WOOL EXPORTS ACCORDING TO THE DEGREE OF PROCESSING) ESTABLISHED BY LAWS #12.670 AND #13.695. THE BASIS FOR CALCULATING THE RETENCIONES DEPENDS ON THE LEGAL MINIMUM EXPORT VALUE (AFORO) FIXED BY THE GOVERNEENT ACCORDING TO FLUCTUATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES AND UNCLASSIFIED

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URUGUAYAN MEAT AND WOOL PRODUCTION. EXAMPLES OF CURRENT RATES OF RETENCIONES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE OF INTRO- DUCION	CATEGORY	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	RATE	IN US \$
5/22/75	WOOL, PER 10 KG. EX- PORTED	GREASY WOOL	.69	\$ 0.24
		SCRUBBED WOOL	.96	\$ 0.33
		WOOL TOPS	1.145	\$ 0.39

7/17/75 BEEF PORTION BEEF QUARTERS & 97.37 \$33.58

HALVES, "CARRE"

CUTS, WHOLE CAR-

CASSES, BONE-IN

BONELESS 140.05 \$48.20

AT PRESENT RATES, THESE TAXES DO NOT HINDER EXPORTS. AT TIMES IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE BEEN USED TO ASSURE SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL PROCESSORS (I.E. WHEN WORLD MARKET PRICES WERE HIGH).

4. BECAUSE URUGUAY IS A MINOR PRODUCER IN THE WORLD MARKET FOR ALL OF THESE COMMODITIES, RESTRICTING THEIR EXPORTATION THROUGH EITHER CONTROLS OR EXPORT TAXES DOES NOT DISTORT INTERNATIONAL TRADE, NOR DOES IT HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON U.S. TRADE.

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